



Today, April 24, 2013, the State of Michigan is kicking off the statewide, pay-it-forward #MiGoodDeeds campaign. We know Michigan residents are out making a difference in people's lives every day and the #MiGoodDeeds campaign aims to raise awareness and encourage others to do the same. Whether it's taking cookies to your neighbor, volunteering in the community, or paying for the table next to you, we want to recognize the daily random acts of kindness happening across the state.

Throughout the course of the campaign, share your #MiGoodDeeds photos, thoughts, and actions with the State of Michigan through social media to encourage others to get involved. They will catalog the campaign's progress across the state while also providing facts, resources and inspiration of their own. The #MiGoodDeeds campaign will run from April 24 until May 17.

Follow @MIGov, @MichiganDHS, and @MCSCOnline for more details and use the hashtag #MiGoodDeeds whenever you post or share. If you are interested in following other Michigan government accounts, you can find a full inventory of all State of Michigan social media initiatives by visiting www.michigan.gov/socialmedia.

Need help getting started? Here are a few #MiGoodDeeds to help you kick things off!

1. **Let someone go in front of you in line.** You might have to wait another five minutes to check out, but you will make someone's day!
2. **Mentor a youth.** Every young person needs, and deserves, someone who will listen to them, provide advice and just be a friend. Visit www.mentormichigan.org for more info.
3. **Clean-up the community.** Either by yourself or with an organized group, take time to clean up the trash and debris in your neighborhood to help beautify it for others!
4. **Pay it forward.** Whether you're at the coffee shop, the drive-through, or the highway toll, pay for the person behind you in line.
5. **Give your time and expertise.** Your professional skills and experience may be valuable to a nonprofit, school, or community organization. Consider serving on a local community board or giving your time pro-bono.
6. **Hold a fundraiser for a good cause.** Turn Wednesdays into casual day for a low fee or organize a personal item drive at your school or church. Donate the proceeds to a charity of your choice.
7. **Volunteer.** Whether it's a long-term commitment or a one-day event, nonprofits and community organizations could use your volunteer service. Visit www.volunteermichigan.org to find opportunities.
8. **Share a meal with a neighbor.** Made too much food? Take some to your neighbor or invite them over to share the meal.
9. **Hold the door or elevator.** Wherever you go, someone else is probably not far behind. Look around to see if you can help them out by opening the door or holding the elevator.
10. **Recycle what you can.** Instead of throwing your bottle, box, or paper in the trash, hold on to it until you find a recycling bin.

Filled with inspiration? Head out and start performing your #MiGoodDeeds! Remember to share them on Twitter using #MiGoodDeeds and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/migovernment!